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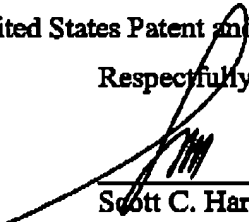
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Sir:

Attached to this facsimile communication cover sheet is Preliminary Amendment, faxed this 1st day of August, 2003, to Group 2182, the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action mailed October 21, 2003,
kindly consider the following:

A preliminary amendment was filed in this case on August 1,
2003. Note that this Preliminary Amendment, and these claims,
were in the possession of the Patent Office well before the
mailing date of this official action. A notice on the merits of
the currently pending claims 2-33, rather than the canceled
claim 1, is therefore respectfully requested.

In case the patent office has not yet received that
preliminary amendment, a duplicate copy of the preliminary
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